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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 600
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A RESOLUTION to commend W. Jeff Reynolds for his honorable
and astute service to the people of Nashville and
the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to
improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Reynolds is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and
probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Nashville community and a tireless public
servant, Mr. Reynolds will be greatly missed as he leaves his post as Director of Affordable
Housing, Office of the Mayor, Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County in March 2002 to
become the Vice President of Housing and Community Investment for the Federal Home Loan
Bank of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as the Director of Affordable Housing, Jeff
Reynolds has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an
exceptional asset to his community; and

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WHEREAS, since February of 2000, Mr. Reynolds has ably led the Division of Affordable Housing, implementing the Mayor's first major policy initiative to increase the availability of affordable housing in Nashville and creating three new programs: HoME (Homeownership for Metro Employees) which provides downpayment assistance for Metro employees to buy their first homes; HoPE (Homeownership Preservation Effort) which provides grant funds to create a rehabilitation program using volunteer labor; and a Rental Preservation Program to rehabilitate existing affordable rental housing; and

WHEREAS, before assuming the helm of the Division of Affordable Housing, Jeff Reynolds served with distinction as the Executive Director of the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) from December 1992 to January 2000; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Reynolds' exemplary tenure as the Agency's Chief Executive Officer, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency provided nearly 23,000 mortgages worth about \$1.3 billion for low- and moderate-income Tennesseans and established a record for one-year mortgage production, committing over 6,000 loans for over \$450 million during 1999; and

WHEREAS, he also established the Housing Research Center at the Tennessee Housing Development Agency, which was created solely from the Agency's earnings; helped create "The House the General Assembly Built," a partnership among THDA, Habitat for Humanity, and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati to build a Habitat home in each of Tennessee's 99 House districts; received national recognition for the Bicentennial Neighborhoods Initiative, an innovative grant program to invigorate and revitalize neighborhoods in nine Tennessee cities; and received a Community Partners Award from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati for innovative programs that provide community living opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, from February 1989 to November 1992, Jeff Reynolds served as the Commissioner of Correction for the State of Tennessee, managing the State's adult correction programs, including 20 prisons, statewide probation, and a grant program funding 16 community corrections providers in 93 counties; and

WHEREAS, during his outstanding tenure as Commissioner, Mr. Reynolds opened six new prisons, all on schedule and under budget, including the first two high security facilities in more than 100 years and Tennessee's first special needs facility; achieved professional accreditation for the probation program and 16 institutions, including Brushy Mountain and Fort Pillow prisons; created and implemented a successful "Boot Camp" for non-violent offenders; executed the first contract to privatize a major adult correctional facility in Tennessee; appointed the first female warden at an institution for male offenders; and accomplished substantial compliance with long-standing federal court orders relating to the conditions of confinement in Tennessee's prisons; and

WHEREAS, other positions Mr. Reynolds has held with the State of Tennessee include meritorious service as Special Assistant to the Governor for Corrections Capital Projects, Staff Assistant to the Comptroller of the Treasury, Executive Assistant to the Comptroller of the Treasury, and Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Employment Security; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Reynolds also contributes his time and numerous talents to the Housing Advisory Committee of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Housing Development Agency, the Board of Directors of the National Council of State Housing Boards, the Board of Directors of the Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity, the Board of Directors of the Nashville Homestead Corporation, the Board of Directors of the Nashville Rebuilding Together-Christmas in April, and the Advisory Committee of the FannieMae Tennessee Partnership Office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reynolds's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Reynolds is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional and dedicated public servant for the people of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Reynolds is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend W. Jeff Reynolds for his dedicated service to the good people of Nashville as Executive Director of Affordable Housing and the citizens of Tennessee as the Executive Director of THDA, Commissioner of Correction and in numerous other capacities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish him every continued success in his new career with the Federal Home Loan Bank in Cincinnati, Ohio, as he begins to serve Ohio and Kentucky, but also as he continues to serve Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.